

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Implementation of the Local Competition
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act
of 1996

CC Docket No. 96-98
NSD File No. L-01-158

COMMENTS OF VERIZON NEW YORK

Verizon New York has consistently advocated ten-digit dialing of local calls. However, in light of the truly extraordinary circumstances that exist in New York City as a result of the events of September 11, Verizon supports the New York Public Service Commission's petition for a temporary waiver of the ten-digit dialing requirement. At this point, New Yorkers need to be able to focus on other matters, and Verizon is concerned that it will be hard to get their attention to teach them about a new dialing pattern for local calls. Because the clock is ticking on the Court of Appeals' ten-month deadline, the Commission should act promptly on this request.

Support of this temporary waiver does not indicate a change in Verizon's strong belief that ten-digit dialing is the appropriate dialing plan. However, in this instance, it is in the public interest to waive this requirement on a temporary basis, and Verizon, therefore, supports the PSC's petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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